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## CIVILIAN DEFENSE WEEK PLANNED

### Institutes Enter Second Phase Of Schedule Nov. 5th

With the eastern county schedule approaching a successful windup this week, the state-wide series of County Defense Institutes will move into the central and western counties of Pennsylvania next Wednesday, Nov. 5.

County Defense Council chairmen of the central and western areas met at Altoona last Friday and approved a schedule of one-night Institutes running from Nov. 5 to 21. This schedule will virtually complete the series for the state, except in the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas, where separate plans are being made.

Attendance at many of the Institutes already held has run as high as 400 to 500 persons, and the County Councils of Defense have cooperated in every way to make the programs a success. The eastern schedule will be concluded on Friday at Tunkhannock.

Except for occasional substitutions, the same two teams of speakers that appeared in eastern counties will be heard at the remaining Institutes. Each program will be limited, however, to three or four speakers, covering air raid and fire precautions, emergency medical program, and the Red Cross.

The schedule as now planned follows:

| Nov.   | County                        | Place                     |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5....  | Lehigh<br>Tioga               | Allentown<br>Wellsboro    |
| 6....  | Adams<br>Potter               | Gettysburg<br>Coudersport |
| 7....  | Bedford                       | Bedford                   |
| 10.... | Huntingdon<br>Mifflin-Juniata | Huntingdon<br>Lewistown   |
| 12.... | Blair<br>Centre               | Altoona<br>Bellefonte     |
| 13.... | Somerset<br>Clinton           | Somerset<br>Lock Haven    |
| 14.... | Cambria<br>Clearfield         | Johnstown<br>Clearfield   |
| 17.... | Armstrong<br>Elk-Cameron      | Kittanning<br>Ridgway     |
| 18.... | Indiana<br>McKean             | Indiana<br>Bradford       |
| 19.... | Jefferson<br>*Warren-Forest   | Brookville<br>Warren      |
| 20.... | Venango<br>Erie               | Franklin<br>Erie          |
| 21.... | *Clarion-Forest<br>Crawford   | Clarion<br>Meadville      |

\* Eastern half of Forest county at Clarion, western half at Warren.

### Pittsburgh Meeting Called by Council

A meeting of County and Local Council of Defense chairmen of the Pittsburgh area has been called for Monday afternoon, Nov. 10, in the Mayor's Reception Room of the City-County Building, Pittsburgh, to discuss plans for a Pittsburgh Metropolitan Defense District and for Defense Institutes there.

Creation of the District, similar to one already set up for the Philadelphia area, is expected to be proclaimed by Governor James soon after the meeting. The counties invited to attend the meeting are Allegheny, Greene, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, and Col. Clifton Lisle, Third Civilian Defense Regional chairman for the OCD, will direct the meeting.

### Protection Plans Made For Industry

A plan approved by the State Council of Defense last week for training representatives of industrial plants and other large buildings in methods of protection against air raids approached final form this week.

Spokesmen for industries, commercial groups, public schools, utilities, and hospitals met in the SCD headquarters Wednesday to consider details.

The general plan, drawn up by Former Governor Lewis O. Barrowes of Maine, by assignment of the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense, calls for three-day courses to be given at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Each plant and large building would organize its own protection squads.

Other actions taken by the State Council last week included the election of Mrs. H. B. Eliason, of Philadelphia, as chairman of the Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests. Dr. E. G. Cornelius, of Bucknell University, was named vice-chairman and Dr. H. F. Weber, Lock Haven State Teachers College, secretary.

### LaGuardia To Speak At State Meeting In Harrisburg Nov. 14th

Pennsylvania's 525 organized Councils of Defense were called upon this week to organize impressive local observances as part of a nation-wide "Civilian Defense Week" starting on Armistice Day, November 11.

At the same time, it was announced that Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, U. S. Director of Civilian Defense, will come to Harrisburg on Friday, November 14, to address a state-wide civilian defense meeting sponsored by the State Council of Defense.

Mayor LaGuardia's talk will be delivered in the auditorium of Grace Methodist Church, Harrisburg, and plans are being developed to have Defense Council leaders from all over the state in attendance. The invitation to LaGuardia to discuss the over-all national plans for civilian defense was extended sometime ago by the SCD, but the date was set only this week.

The Grace Methodist Auditorium will seat approximately 1200 persons.

In the "Civilian Defense Week" programs, Local and City Councils of Defense are to be guided by a special pamphlet prepared by the OCD and released this week in Pennsylvania. Detailed suggestions are given in the pamphlet.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., urges all Defense Councils to give their full support and enthusiasm to the program planned by local war veterans for Armistice Day.

The week-long observance was proclaimed by President Roosevelt "as a time for all persons throughout the nation to give thought to their duties and responsibilities in the defense of this country, and to become better informed of the many vital phases of the civilian defense program and of the opportunities which it offers for the participation of every individual American in the defense of our priceless heritage . . ."

In a separate proclamation for Pennsylvania, Governor Arthur H. James called on all Defense Councils of the state "to make studied plans that the

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## Freedom Forums Promote Unity

A number of Defense Councils have expressed interest in "Freedom Forums" following the issuance of SCD Bulletin No. 21 describing the success of these modern "town meetings" in Union county.

The bulletin, prepared by Rev. Edward L. Junkin, of the Union County Council of Defense, emphasizes that the Freedom Forum promotes unity of thought and purpose in regard to our national emergency. "The Forum compels the audience to face more and more honestly our national and world situation," he declared.

This type of program is suggested as a possible activity for local American Unity committees.

Meanwhile, a statement of purpose for the American Unity committee of Centre county has been issued by its chairman, Dean of Men Arthur R. Warnock of Penn State. He warned that community indifference and dissatisfaction can be as damaging as outright anti-American activities, and that both dangers must be dealt with skillfully.

## URGES POLICE TRAINING

Governor Arthur H. James, as chairman of the State Council of Defense, urges all Local and County Councils to encourage sheriffs, local police chiefs, and other law-enforcement officers to attend the special training course to be given by the FBI in Philadelphia on Nov. 6 and 7.

A similar course was given in Pittsburgh this week.

## ORGANIZES FIELD UNITS

St. Luke's and Children's Medical Center, in Philadelphia, has organized its emergency medical field units, according to a report sent to Dr. Paul Dodds, SCD Chief Medical Officer.

## City and County Councils To Name Chief Medical Officers and Aides

County and City Councils of Defense in the state have been asked to appoint local Advisory Committees on Health and Emergency Medical Service to organize needed medical services through the hospitals, Red Cross chapters, and other agencies.

The request was made by the State Advisory Committee at a meeting this month in Harrisburg. At the same time, Dr. Paul Dodds, director of the State Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, was named Chief Medical Officer of the S. C. D. to supervise the program and advise the local committees.

The medical program for Pennsylvania will follow the lines proposed for all coastal and "target" areas by the

U. S. Office of Civilian Defense. The plan was explained to the Advisory Committee by Dr. George Baehr, Chief Medical Officer of the O. C. D.

At the head of each local committee will be a Chief Medical Officer, an experienced physician on whom much of the responsibility will fall. He is to prepare a basic spot map of his area showing the hospitals, number of field squads being organized in each, and desirable locations for casualty stations.

Dr. A. Hamilton Stewart, Acting Secretary of Health and chairman of the State Advisory Committee, announced that Dr. Dodds will be available at all times to assist local medical committees. Dr. Ross Cameron, OCD Medical Officer for the Third Corps Area, also is devoting much time to the Pennsylvania program.

The names of Chief Medical Officers reported to the SCD include: Pittsburgh—Dr. W. S. McEllroy and Dr. J. P. Griffith; Centre county—Dr. E. H. Adams; Berks—Dr. Ralph L. Hill; Bucks—Dr. Allen H. Moore; Monroe—Dr. Paul H. Shiffer; and Northampton—Dr. Frederick O. Zillissen.



DR. PAUL DODDS

## Colleges Respond by Forming Units

Prompt response has followed the call of the State Council of Defense for the organization of Defense Council units in Pennsylvania's 83 colleges, universities, and junior colleges.

The new units—known as College Divisions—are to function as separate divisions of the County or City Council of Defense in their locality, and are under the authority of that Council.

Made up of both student and faculty members, the college units will be responsible for civilian protection activities on their own campus in the same way that Local Councils are responsible for the whole community.

Among the first colleges to report their Divisions organized were: Lafayette, East Stroudsburg, Shippensburg, Bucknell University, Hahnemann Medical College, LaSalle, Pennsylvania College for Women, Hershey Junior College, Dickinson, St. Vincent, Immaculata, and Haverford. President Albert Lindsay Rowland, of Shippensburg, reported that a faculty unit had been named there last year.

## DEFENSE POSTERS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH WPA

Attractive red, white and blue cardboard posters are available to Defense Councils at small cost through an offer made by the Pennsylvania WPA Museum Extension Project, with headquarters at 46 N. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa.

The poster, 18 by 23 inches in size, can be ordered for \$22 per thousand. The standard text is—"SERVICE—For the People—By the People—To Defend and Preserve America—Enroll for Civilian Defense." The wording can be revised as desired.

The Montgomery and Schuylkill County Councils of Defense already have ordered quantities of the posters.

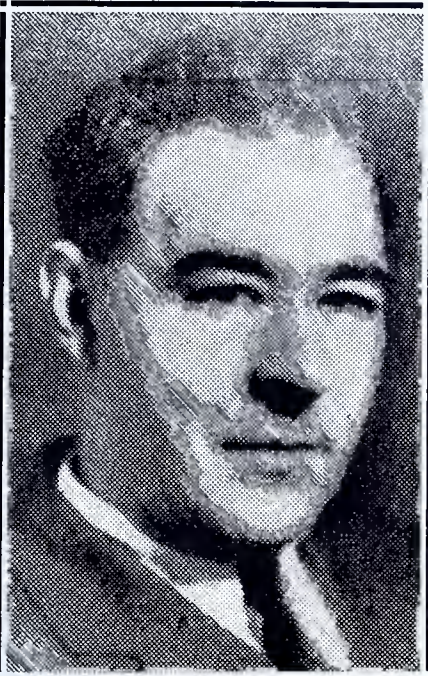
## NEW COUNTY COUNCILS IN CLARION, FOREST

New County Councils of Defense have been organized in Clarion and Forest counties, according to official reports to the State Council of Defense.

The Clarion county chairman is Frank K. Miller, of Clarion, and the Forest county chairman is Miller Keely, of East Hickory.

New Local Councils reported and their chairmen, include: Crafton—W. S. Guy; Kennedy Twp.—Fred Schubert, of McKees Rocks R. D. 1; Snow Shoe—Harvey J. Smith; Nanticoke—Anthony Zabiegalski; and Wynnwood Park—A. R. Waterall.

With these additions, 63 of the state's 67 counties now have County Councils, and the total number of councils in the state has risen to 525.



**INSTITUTE SPEAKERS**—Upper left: Sgt. A. William Ryne, of the Philadelphia Police College, who speaks on "Air Raid Precautions"; upper right, Miss Cecile Kennedy, of the Red Cross; and lower right, Frank Roessing, Director of Public Works of Pittsburgh, who describes his trip to war-time England.

#### Civilian Defense Week Planned (Continued from page 1)

objectives of the week may be intelligently and vigorously brought to the attention of all our people, whose duty and desire it is to participate . . ."

The "Civilian Defense Week" pamphlet suggests an appropriate theme and activities for each day of the week, but emphasizes that each community should plan a program in keeping with its local needs and desires. Active publicity committees are recommended for each Defense Council so that the civilian defense program can be brought clearly to all the people.

In addition to the Nov. 11-16 observance, Philadelphia is planning a large-scale Philadelphia Defense Week for the week of Nov. 30. This observance had been decided upon before the national plans were announced.

## Drivers Relieved of 40 MPH Pledge

Drivers who pledged themselves to a 40 mile-per-hour speed during the gas-saving campaign conducted by Pennsylvania's Councils of Defense have now been relieved of the pledge.

Governor Arthur H. James this week announced that the need for reduced speeds to conserve gasoline has apparently ended in view of the action of Petroleum Coordinator Ickes in lifting the restrictions which he had imposed on the sale and use of gasoline.

"May I take this opportunity" said the Governor, "of thanking all those, both State employes and citizens in general, who so cheerfully and cooperatively participated in Pennsylvania's work in limiting gasoline consumption during the period when the availability of supplies to meet demand was in question."

## IMPROVED MORALE IS SEEN BY SCD MEMBER

Civilian morale in Pennsylvania has improved tremendously in the past year, Auditor General F. Clair Ross reported to Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., at the close of a speaking tour through the state.

Mr. Ross, who is a member of the S.C.D. and also chairman of the Pennsylvania national defense committee of the American Legion, visited many defense factories and spoke on the urgency of the defense effort at a number of meetings during his tour.

"The attitude in the industrial areas was particularly encouraging," he reported. "Americans are now aware that defense comes first, and that production of all our material, physical and moral resources must be thrown into the balance for our survival."

#### PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN

Edward R. Innes, chairman of the Bradford County Council of Defense, has reported the appointment of Thomas J. Finn, of Towanda, as publicity chairman for the Council.

Other publicity chairmen listed in the S.C.D. files include Mrs. Paul C. McAndrew, for Scranton, and Richard Klapp, for Watsontown.

## News From Local Councils

The Lehigh County-Allentown Council of Defense is moving into new permanent quarters in Allentown's City Hall, where Gen. Frank D. Beary, the chairman, and other members, can be close to local developments . . . At York, meanwhile, the County Council has a \$4,000 budget, \$3,000 of which comes from the city and county and the remainder from manufacturer and merchant groups.

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In Erie, the Homes Registration Office is using a number of DeMolay members to check vacant houses as part of a city-wide survey . . . The DeMolay has offered the cooperation of all its members in Pennsylvania for civilian defense activities.

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**MORE ON BLACKOUTS**—Col. Clifton Lisle, Regional chairman for the OCD, witnessed the Bucks county exercises from a vantage point at Doylestown . . . He called the Pennsylvania blackouts "apparently the most successful held in the country so far" . . . In Luzerne county, a blackout hazard was found in the burning culm banks at Nanticoke and Glen Lyon . . . Ways are being sought to eliminate the smoldering heaps.

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Philadelphia has obtained the full-time services of Paul B. Hartenstein, of the University of Pennsylvania faculty, as vice-chairman of the City Council of Defense . . . Dr. Hubley R. Owen, chairman, meanwhile induced city authorities to place a guard in a basement entrance to City Hall to bar saboteurs.

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**NOTES ON INSTITUTES**—Dr. W. J. Ross, director of the Harrisburg-Dauphin Defense Council, had printed programs for the two-night Institute in Harrisburg . . . Dr. Paul Dodds conferred with the Lebanon County Medical Society before addressing the Defense Institute there . . . Col. J. Hale Steinman, Lancaster chairman, in opening the Institute in that city, recalled that civilian defense has been underway more than a year in Lancaster county.

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The "Fair Rent" committee in Pittsburgh has condemned the practice of some landlords in refusing to give tenants copies of their leases, since the tenant then has little recourse against sudden unwarranted increases . . . At the same time, the committee praised other landlords who are cooperating 100 per cent with the committee.

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## Air Raid Volunteers Praised for Making Maneuvers A Big Success

Eastern Pennsylvania counties came through their first air raid tests "with flying colors," winning the praise of both Army officers and civilian defense leaders.

Reports of "enemy" bombers flowed into the Philadelphia and Harrisburg filter centers from outdoor observers with such speed and precision during the week-long maneuvers that Army pursuit planes were heading to intercept them at the same instant that lights were blinking on alarm boxes in this state.

"Had the air raids been real, eastern Pennsylvania could quickly have been made alert to its danger," said Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S. C.D. He commended the state's several thousand volunteers for doing their job "capably and effectively."

**Ralph E. Flinn, Chief Air Raid Warden, said reports from the 19 alarm centers in 22 eastern counties indicating the number of fire and police stations and other vital centers warned by telephone or radio, and the number of participating air raid wardens in each county are being sent to Army officials. Meanwhile, orders are expected from the Army soon to set up 15 additional Alarm Districts in central Pennsylvania.**

An important sidelight of the tests—local blackouts in Luzerne and Bucks counties—came off as successfully as the main maneuvers.

Declaring the blackout in Luzerne county "more than 99 per cent effective," Colonel Thomas H. Atherton, county defense chairman, announced that the county-wide corps of air raid wardens would be kept intact. This blackout, involved all of Wyoming Valley, third most populous area in the state.

The Bucks county blackout took in seven towns in a 60 square mile area

### James Predicts New Civil Defense Duties

Governor Arthur H. James this week called upon all State departments "to hold themselves in readiness to share the burden of defense by volunteering to the State Council of Defense the services of such of their employes as may be valuable to the Council as its activities and functions enlarge."

"There appears to be every indication," the Governor explained, "that the activities of the State Council will be considerably enlarged in the near future. These activities have been growing rapidly in the last few weeks, and many new fields seem about to be opened."

### REPORT ON BLACKOUTS

The following report on the blackouts in Pennsylvania was submitted by the Army bombardment squadron that participated:

"Newtown and Doylestown, completely blacked out and were not located; Pottsville was apparently blacked out but could be located as an adjoining town was lighted; Hazleton was completely blacked out and was not located, and bombardment flight, flying by instruments, passed over without knowing the city was there; Wilkes-Barre apparently was not completely blacked out when flight passed but planes were late reaching there as powerful head winds had slowed them down.

"Hazleton should be highly complimented on its very effective blackout, since included in the flight was a pilot who formerly flew airline planes over this territory for eight years and even he was unable to determine any landmarks in or near Hazleton, a city with which he was most familiar."

centering on the Bethlehem Pike, which leads to Bethlehem's booming steel mills. Traffic was halted, and lights were doused by 15,000 residents, for a quarter hour.

In summing up the success of the actual air maneuvers, an Army officer at Philadelphia declared that out of 60 separate flights of planes the Army tried to "slip across" on Philadelphia, not one got by unreported. The filter center there, staffed by women volunteers recruited by the Council of Defense, was praised for its efficiency in handling 30,000 calls from "spotters" in a single day.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. John C. McDonnell, commandant of the Army's Interceptor Command at Mitchell Field, L. I., advised Warden Flinn he was "delighted" with the alarm setup in Pennsylvania.

### PRAISES VETERANS

Edward Linsky, State Adjutant of the American Legion, discussed the recent air raid maneuvers with Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD, in the latter's office this week. Dr. Marts expressed the gratitude of the State Council for "the fine way in which the Legion manned the aircraft observation posts."

### FRUIT GROWERS LAUD INCREASE IN CANNING

An expression of appreciation to Mrs. William J. Clothier, member of the S.C.D., for her recent statement asking housewives to support national defense by increased home canning, has been received from the Appalachian Apple Service, Inc.

The manager of the organization, made up of fruit growers in Pennsylvania and adjoining states, reported that housewives, "really responded."

### News From Local Councils

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In a letter to W. J. Stinson, chairman of the Cambria County Council of Defense, Dr. A. C. Marts pointed out the reason for delay in hauling away aluminum . . . "The housewives of Pennsylvania and other states were so generous in the response," he said, "that the smelters were clogged with the scrap aluminum and simply could not put it through the hopper fast enough to remove the pots and pans immediately" . . . He thanked Cambria county for "a fine job" in the campaign.

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**Air towers for enemy aircraft "spotters" are being erected at several places . . . Pottsville built a 60-foot steel tower on Sharp Mountain, with American Legion and community donations, and found it very effective in the air raid maneuvers . . . Point Marion, in Fayette county, has raised money for a similar project.**

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Air raid wardens and deputies in the eastern counties now have official identification badges . . . The badges have been sent out by Chief Warden Ralph E. Flinn in four color combinations, one for county chiefs, another for assistant chiefs, the third for deputies, and the fourth for assistants.

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**E. E. Dellett, chairman of the Youngwood Council of Defense, reports that a local housing survey by women volunteers uncovered only seven vacant individual rooms in the town . . . A thermostat company there is busy on defense orders.**

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The Women's Home Defense Association in Philadelphia has been incorporated as a unit of the city's Defense Council . . . The group, headed by Mrs. John Frederick Lewis, Jr., has a list of potential women volunteers totaling 101,900.

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Activities started by the Williams-town Council of Defense include blood-typing of all available persons and a benefit movie to finance gifts for local boys now in the armed services.

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**Boy Scouts in Forty Fort have found it not only patriotic but also profitable to collect old newspapers and magazines to aid the defense program . . . They collected ten tons on the opening day for a net return of \$100.**

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Selection of women volunteers to staff the Philadelphia filter center during the recent air maneuvers was made from a total of 1321 registrants, reports Mrs. E. A. Van Valkenburg, of the S.C.D. staff. However, only 450 of the volunteers had available time during the period chosen, and many of these were therefore unable to take the advance training.